Dear Co-Chair Winfield, Co-Chair Stafstrom, Vice Chair Flexer, Vice Chair Blumenthal, Ranking Member Kissel, Ranking Member Fishbein, and all members of the Judiciary Committee:

Please **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 16 AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME.

In addition, please **OPPOSE** H.B. No. 5416 – AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.

Placing restrictions on law abiding citizens does not stop criminals from committing crime. Limiting carrying in public places puts people at risk as they will not be able to defend themselves against criminals that do not obey the laws you are trying to implement in the first place.

Preventing bulk purchases of pistols would only affect legal gun owners from buying and transferring collections and other legal activities.

I also ask that you **SUPPORT** Raised S.B. No. 388 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON 'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5415 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5412 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

Sincerely, Steven Baird Manchester, CT